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THE FOLLOWING EPISODE
CONTAINS DEPICTIONS OF SUICIDE
THAT MAY BE UPSETTING
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The New Hire is
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the Demon Lord!

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WHOOOSH





IT WAS
TRUE... SUJIN REALLY
WAS CHEATING ON ME
WITH JAEWON...





DRIP

BUT FOR
HOW LONG? WAS
SHE NOT SATISFIED
WITH ME...?

AM I THAT
UNAPPEALING?
ENOUGH FOR SOMEONE
TO WANT TO CHEAT
ON ME?

SUJIN...

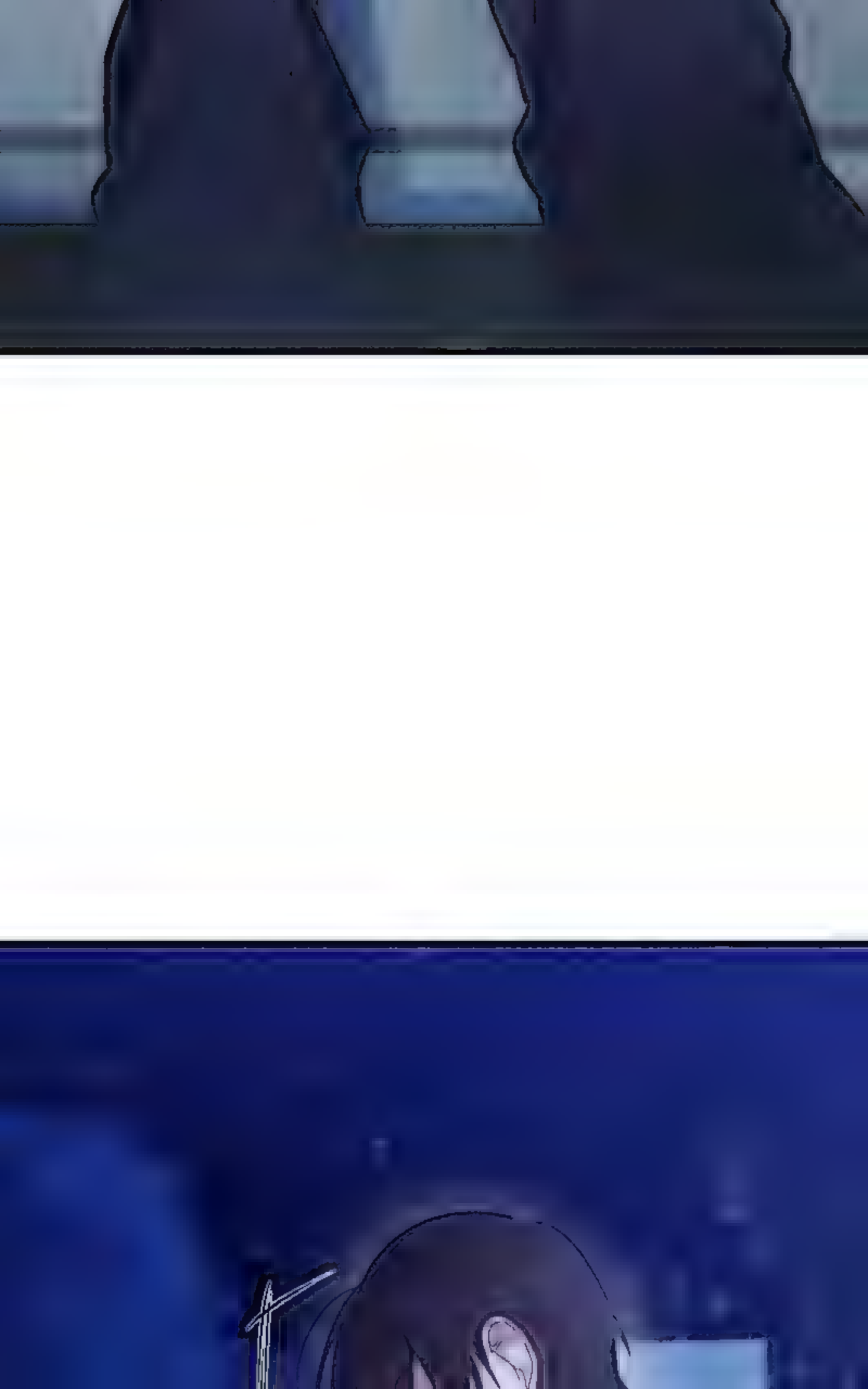




I'M LEAVING...

WHOOOSH







NEVER MIND.
THIS IS TOO
SCARY.



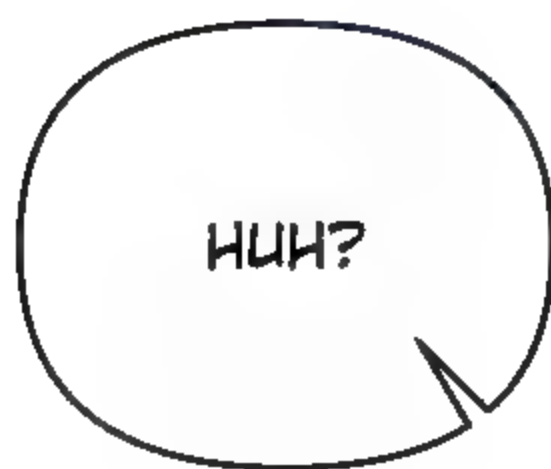
SWEAT

THERE MUST
BE AN EASIER
WAY...

SLIP











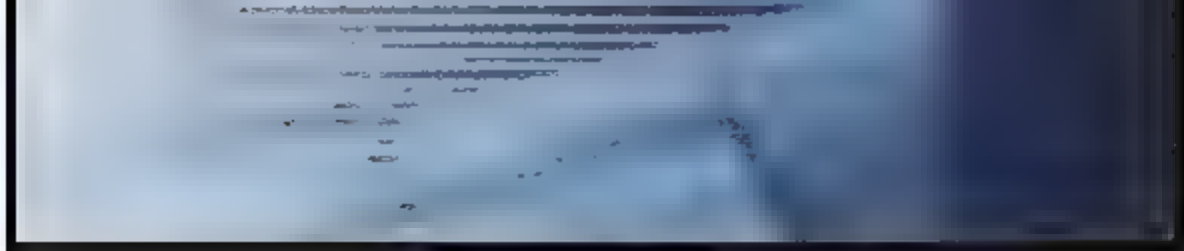
N-NO...

**I WANT TO
LIVE!**





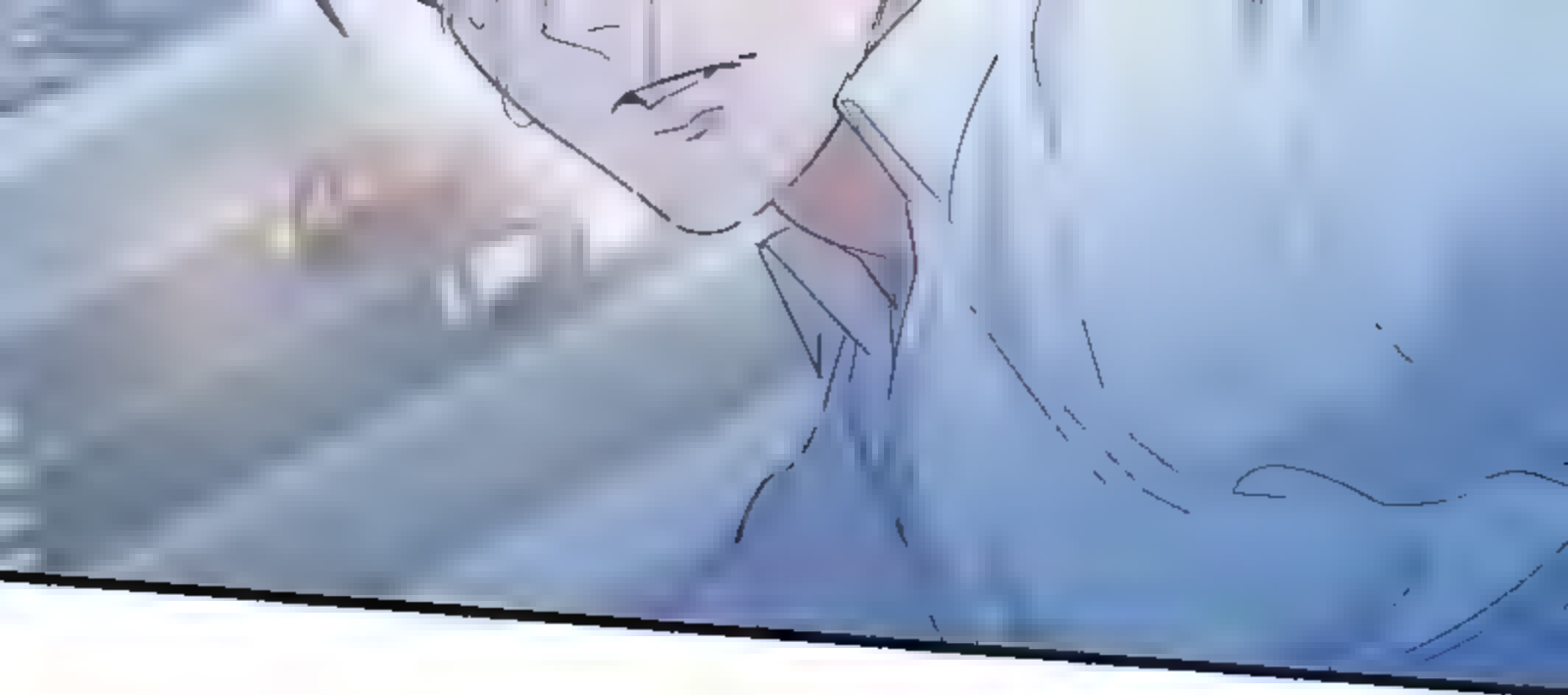




GRAB

WHOOSH







THE ROOFTOP IS
ONLY TO BE USED IN
CASE OF EMERGENCIES
SUCH AS FIRE.



PLEASE
REFRAIN FROM
ENTERING THE ROOFTOP
AT ANY OTHER
TIME.

GRIN





CAN YOU
NOT READ?



LAHAN?!

THUMP

GEEZ...

WHY DID YOU
SIMPLY IGNORE THE
WARNING SIGN ON
THE DOOR?

SIGH

PLEASE
JUST PULL ME
UP!





TREMBLE

H-HURRY!

WHOOOSH

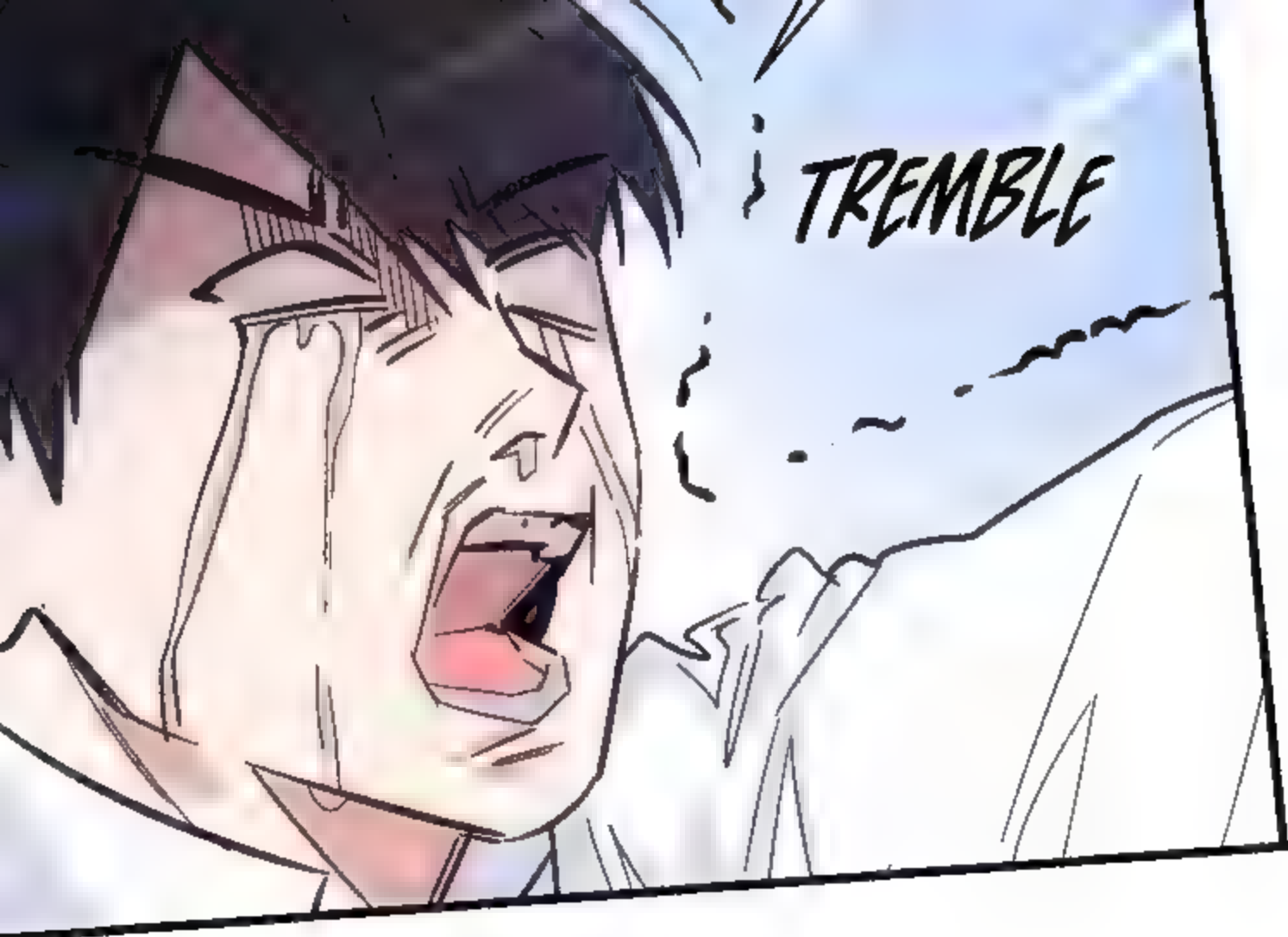
**WHY?
WEREN'T
YOU TRYING
TO DIE?**



OH SHUT UP
AND PLEASE JUST
PULL ME UP!!!

SHOUT

PLEASE!





HE LOOKS
SO PATHETIC...
WHAT IF I JUST
LET GO?



PULL



GRAB



HAAA...





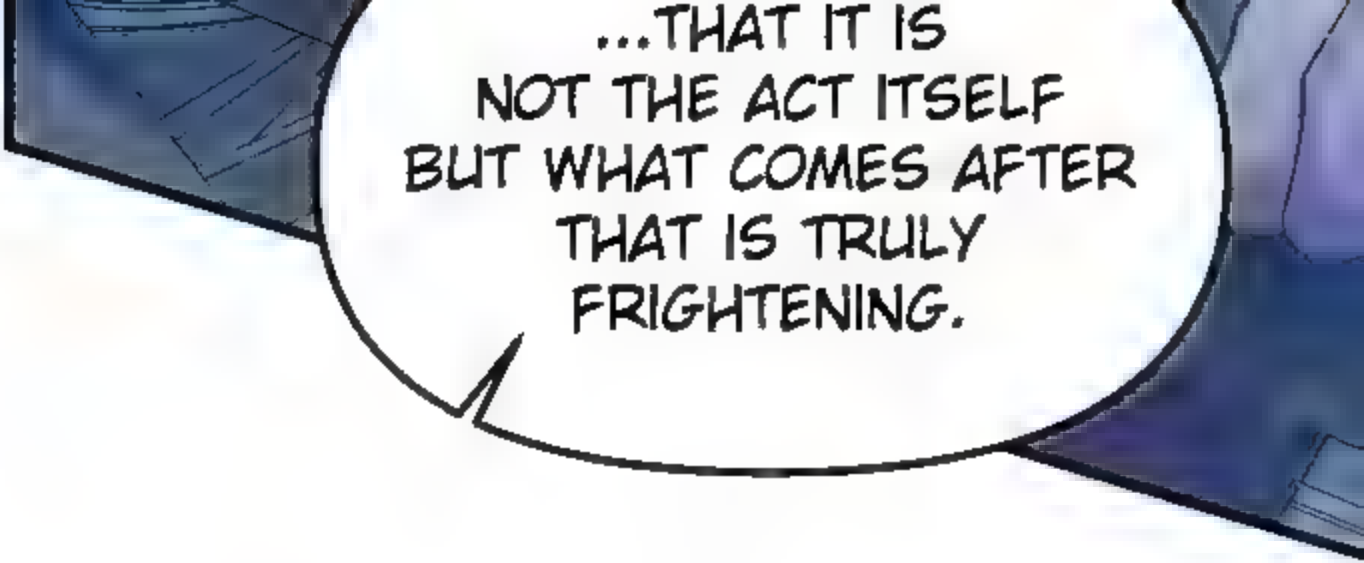
HUFF



DID THE SPECTER
OF IMPENDING DEATH
FRIGHTEN YOU?

THOSE WHO
WISH TO DIE ARE
UNAWARE...



A comic panel showing a speech bubble from a character whose face is partially visible on the right. The speech bubble contains the text: "...THAT IT IS NOT THE ACT ITSELF BUT WHAT COMES AFTER THAT IS TRULY FRIGHTENING."

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NOT THE ACT ITSELF
BUT WHAT COMES AFTER
THAT IS TRULY
FRIGHTENING.

A comic panel showing a speech bubble from a character whose face is partially visible on the right. The speech bubble contains the text: "SO NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU FROM NOW ON... LIVE!"

SO NO MATTER
WHAT HAPPENS TO
YOU FROM NOW
ON... LIVE!



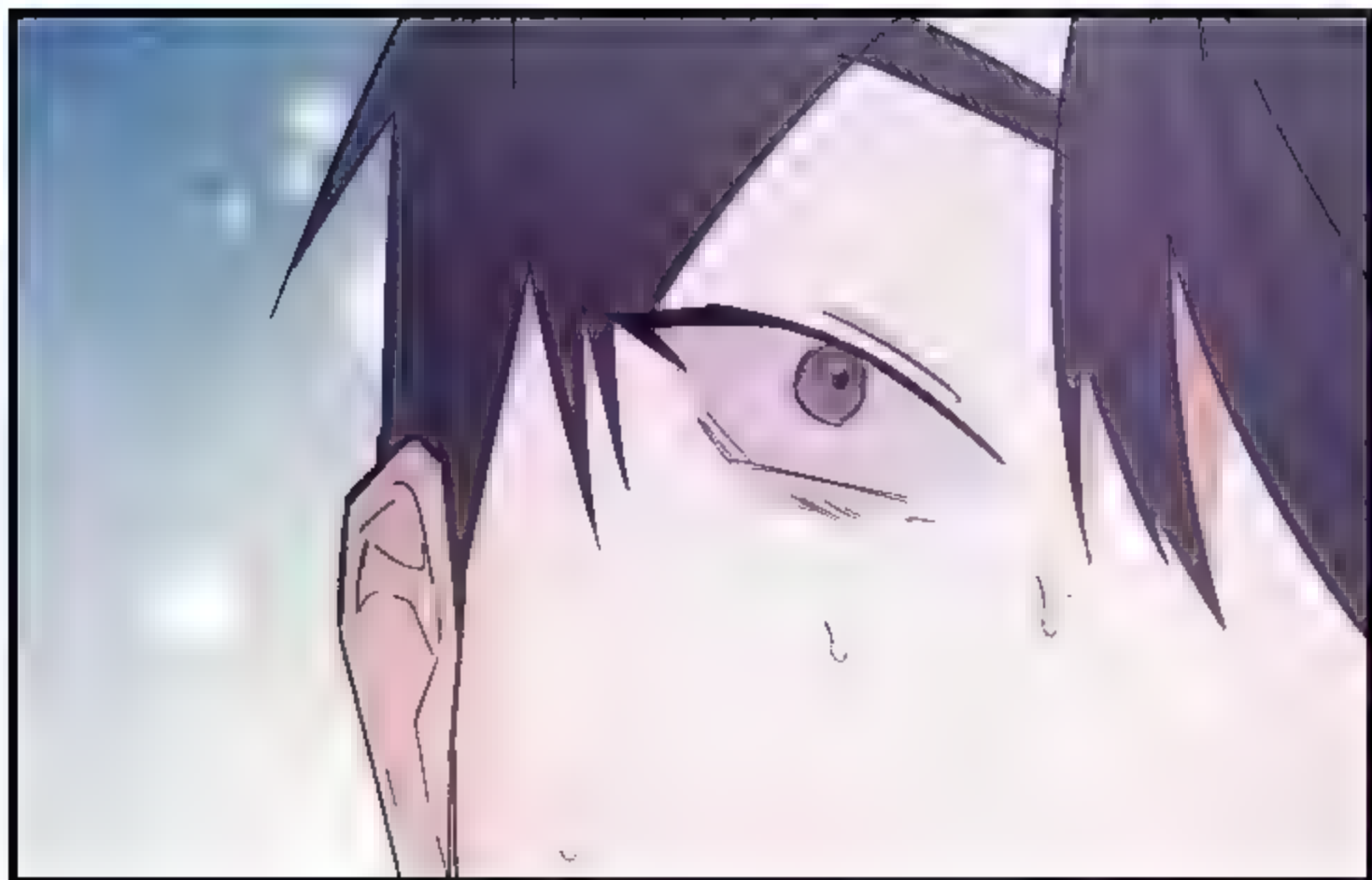
NO MATTER
WHAT HARDSHIPS
AND SUFFERING LIE
IN STORE FOR
YOU...

TREASURE
YOUR LIFE!

DUN



SO THAT
KILLING YOU IS
THAT MUCH MORE
SATISFYING!



A comic panel set at night. A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a grey sweater and blue jeans, stands on a sidewalk. She is looking towards a man who is sitting on a wooden bench. The man is wearing a white shirt and dark pants, and he is looking down. A speech bubble from the man says "O-O-KAY!". At the bottom of the panel, a thought bubble from the woman says "I CAN'T". The background is dark with some blurred lights and a fence.

O-O-KAY!

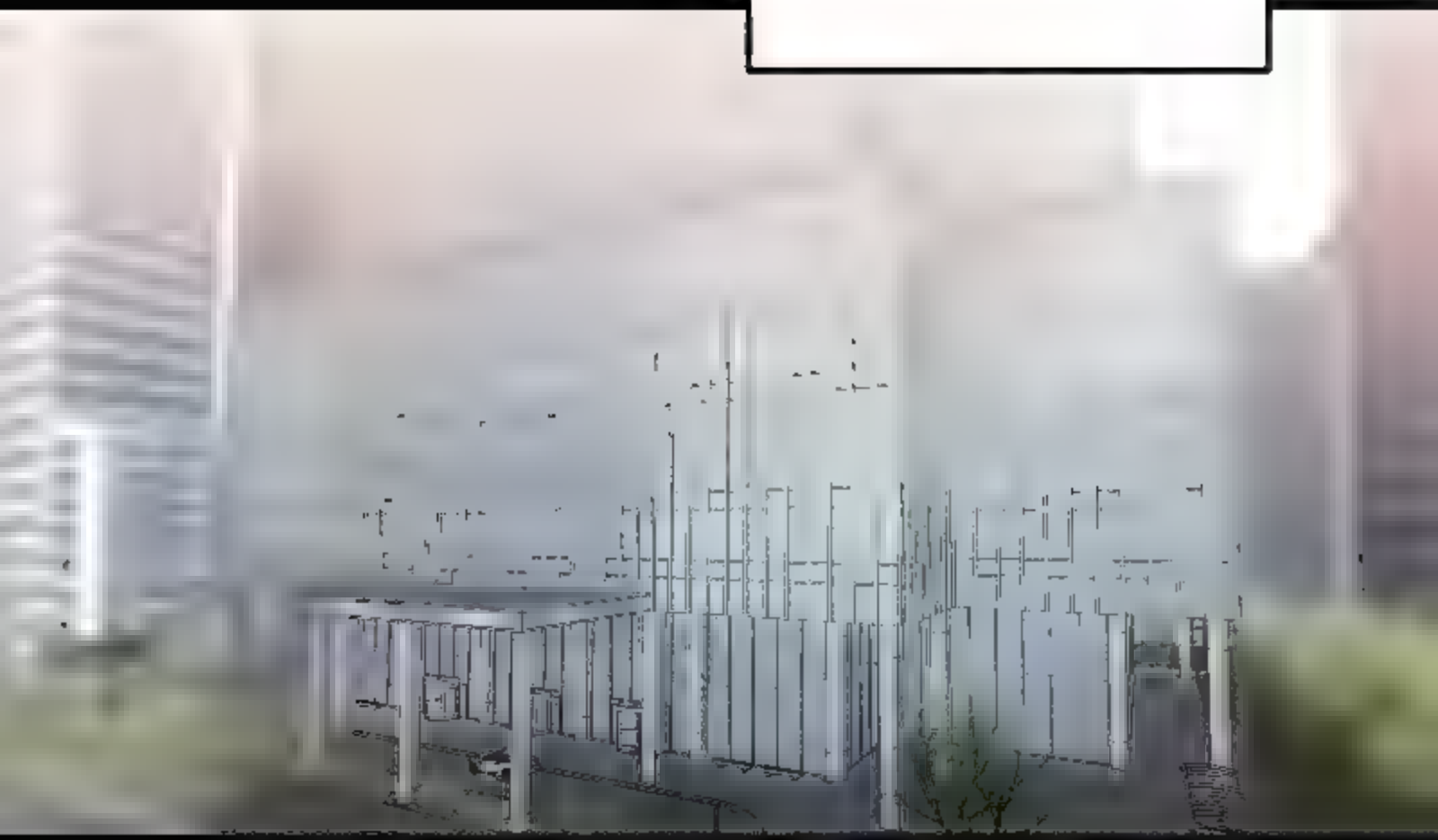
I CAN'T

LET IT END THIS
EASILY.

LAHAN JU
INADVERTENTLY SAVED
YONGRAE'S LIFE.



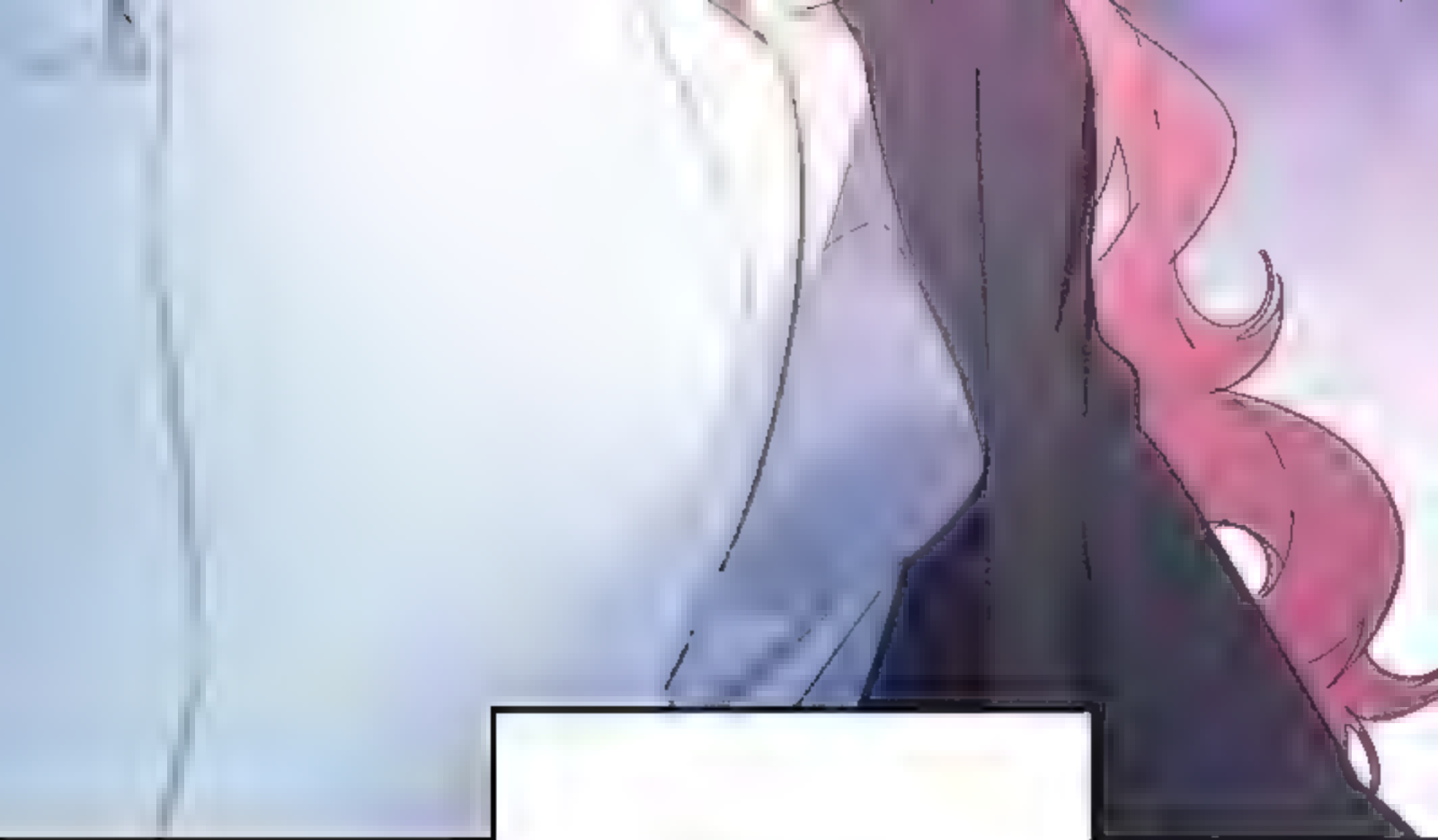
HOWEVER...











...LAHAN WAS
NERVOUS.

BECAUSE YONGRAE
COULD TRY TO KILL
HIMSELF AGAIN AT
ANY MOMENT.



HE HAS TO FACE
THE FEELINGS

HIS TREACHEROUS
FORMER LOVER AND
HER PARTNER ON A
DAILY BASIS...

THAT IS
A DIFFICULT
POSITION TO BE IN.
CAN THIS PATHETIC
MAN REALLY
ENDURE IT?



THANK YOU...
FOR YESTERDAY.

THERE IS
NO NEED TO
THANK ME.



A comic panel showing the lower legs and feet of two people standing on a dark surface. A large speech bubble originates from the person on the left. The background is a light blue wall and a dark floor.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT CAME OVER ME...
I APOLOGIZE FOR
MY BEHAVIOR.

DO NOT
ALLOW EMOTIONS
TO OVERWHELM
YOU.



The background is dark and abstract, featuring a large, light-colored oval shape in the center. The oval is white with a black outline and contains text. The background behind the oval is dark purple and black, with some faint, light-colored lines and shapes that suggest a stylized, possibly architectural or natural, environment. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

IF YOU CANNOT
CONTROL SUCH NEGATIVE
THOUGHTS, THEY WILL
TAKE CONTROL
OF YOU.

RIGHT...

DROOP



DO NOT
TELL ME YOU
ARE CONSIDERING
DYING AGAIN.

STARE



NO! WH-WHY
WOULD I DO THAT?
LET'S STOP TALKING
ABOUT THIS...

HMPH...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE SHE SAW
ME LIKE THAT.





THIS IS REALLY
EMBARRASSING...

AWKWARD

I DON'T KNOW
HOW SHE KNEW
I WAS THERE,
BUT...



...SHE...





...SAVED
MY LIFE.



LAHAN?









STEP

Y-YOU
KNEW ABOUT
THAT?!



106T



I DID.

I FIGURED
THAT SUJIN WAS
YOUR GIRLFRIEND FROM
HOW YOU BEHAVED...





...AND
I OVERHEARD YOU
AND JAEWON TALKING
IN THE BATHROOM
YESTERDAY.

HE SAID
THAT THEY WERE
SEEING EACH OTHER
BEFORE YOU--

SH-SHUSH!
SOMEONE FROM

THE OFFICE MIGHT
HEAR YOU....!

WHISPER

WHISPER

o3o

I KNOW, BUT
NO ONE IS WITHIN

EARSHOT.

ANYWAY...
SO YOU KNEW...

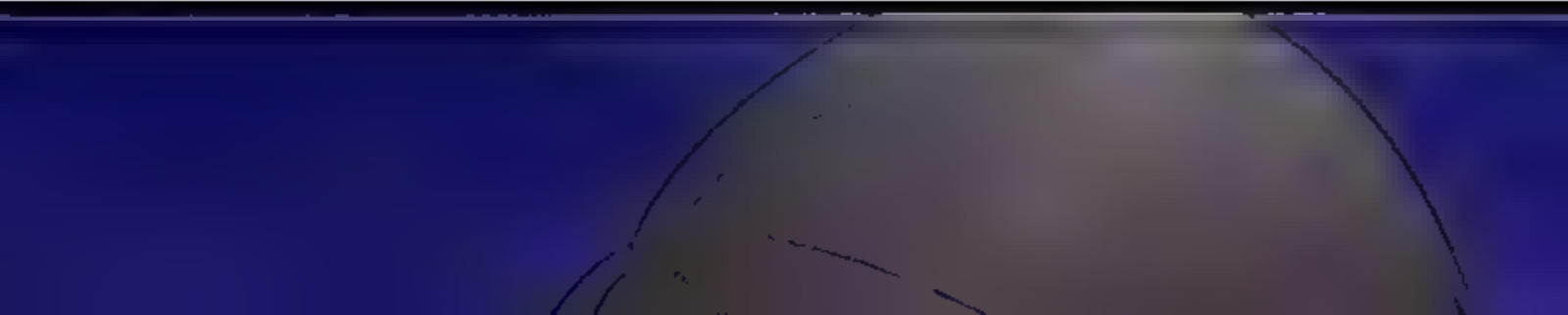
IS THAT WHY
SHE FOLLOWED ME
LAST NIGHT?





FORGET
ABOUT THOSE BAD
MEMORIES.

THINK OF THIS AS
THE START OF YOUR
NEW LIFE!





IT WOULD
BE NICE IF IT WERE
THAT EASY...

IT'S MORE THE
BETRAYAL OF HER
CHEATING ON ME THAN

CHEATING ON ME THAN
THE PAIN OF BREAKING
UP THAT--

QUIET.

STEP



WE ARE
ABOUT TO RUN
INTO SUJIN.

FLINCH

WHAT?





CREAK

THERE WAS
NO ONE IN THE
STAIRWELL!





YOU
SPOOKED
ME...

OH, HELLO
YONGRAE.







WERE YOU
SOMEWHERE
WITH LAHAN?

THUMP





OH,
W-WE WERE
JUST G-GETTING
COFFEE...

THUMP

THUMP

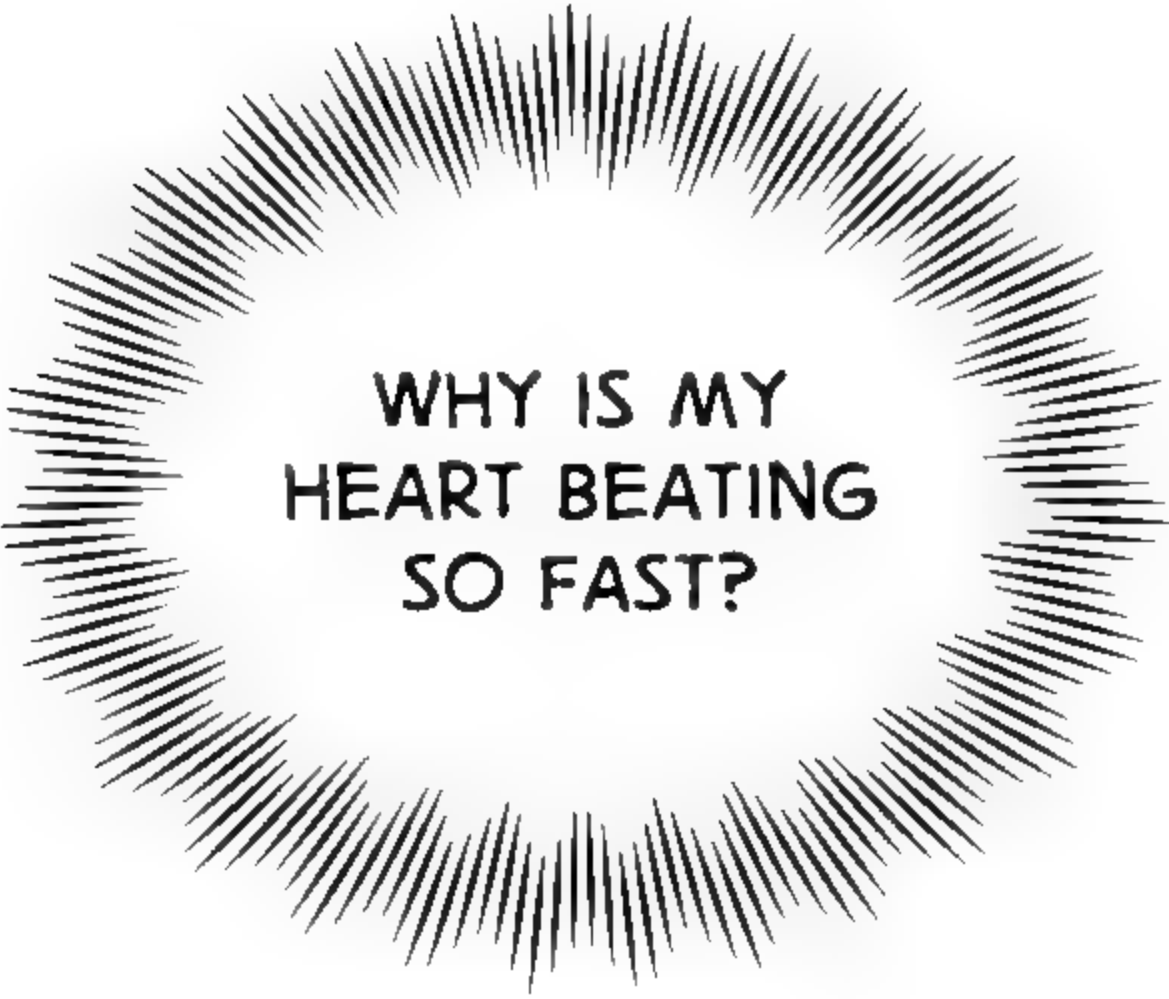
THUMP





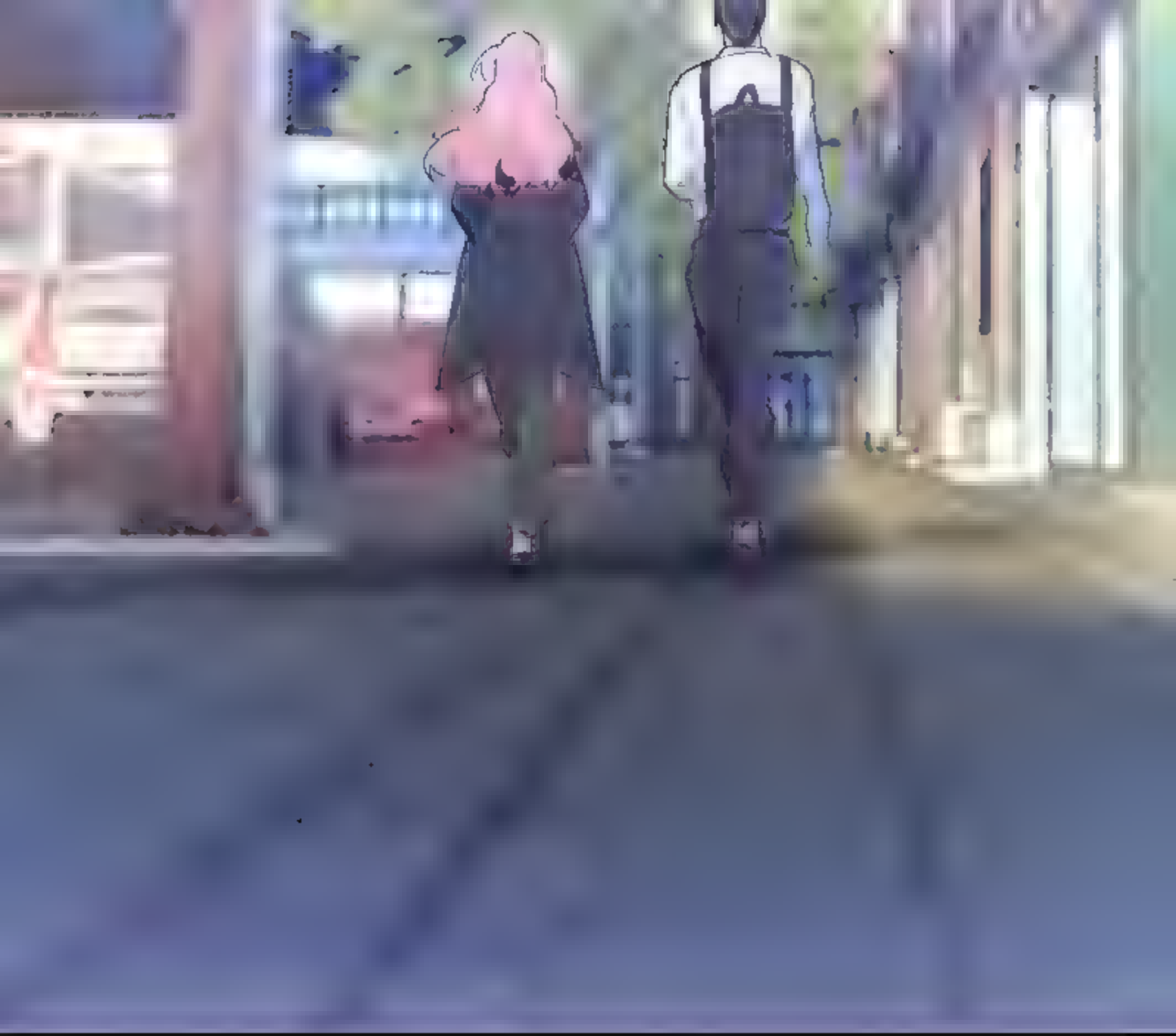
THUMP

THUMP



**WHY IS MY
HEART BEATING
SO FAST?**





HA



STOP
SIGHING
LIKE THAT!

YOU HAVE
BEEN AT IT
ALL DAY.

BUT I JUST
CAN'T SEEM TO
CALM DOWN.

WHENEVER
I SEE SUJIN,
MY HEART FEELS LIKE IT
DROPS AND THEN STARTS
BEATING REALLY FAST...
IS THIS PTSD?

I'LL HAVE TO
SEE HER AGAIN
TOMORROW...

SIGH

P... WHAT?

THUMP



YOUR HEART IS
BEATING FASTER
AGAIN.

HUH?
HOW DID YOU
KNOW?

THUMP

THUMP

BECAUSE I CAN
HEAR IT, OBVIOUSLY.
THUMP, THUMP--

I DIDN'T KNOW
YOUR KOREAN WAS
GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU
TO MAKE JOKES
NOW...

HAHA

?

?

WHY WOULD
I JOKE WITH
YOU?

HOLD ON...

COME TO THINK
OF IT, SHE COULD
TELL WE WERE ABOUT
TO RUN INTO
SUJIN...

QUIET
DOWN...





...AND I FELT LIKE
SHE WAS REALLY STRONG
WHEN SHE HELD ON TO ME
LAST NIGHT, THOUGH I DON'T
REMEMBER MUCH FROM
THE SHOCK.

DOES SHE HAVE
SUPERNATURAL POWERS
OR SOMETHING?

HALT

HOLD ON,
LAHAN.

!!!

CAN YOU

ACTUALLY HEAR MY
HEARTBEAT?

OOPS...!

WAS
THAT TOO
UN-HUMANLIKE
OF ME?

I-I MEAN...
YOU CAN HEAR OTHER
PEOPLE'S HEARTBEATS
WHEN THEY ARE VERY
LOUD, CAN YOU
NOT?

NOT
REALLY...





THEN CAN YOU
GUESS WHETHER
MY HEART'S BEATING
FAST OR SLOW
RIGHT NOW?

WHAT, DOES HE
SUSPECT ME OR
SOMETHING?

I... AM
NOT SURE.

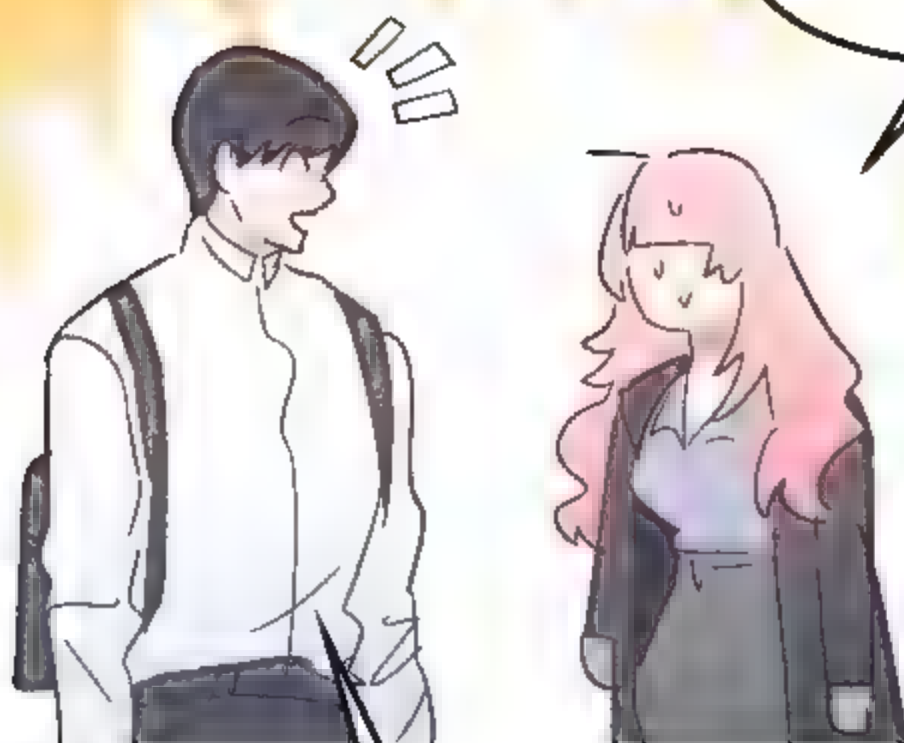




I CANNOT
LET HIM REALIZE
WHAT I AM!

OH COME ON,
YOU SAID YOU
COULD HEAR IT
JUST NOW!

I... ERR...
THAT WAS
A JOKE.



THEN WHY
DON'T YOU GO AHEAD
AND TRY GUESSING IT
FOR FUN ANYWAY?

HE REFUSES
TO LET IT GO...!

A-AHEM...
I CANNOT HEAR
IT VERY WELL...
PERHAPS IT IS
SLOW?

LEAN





I DO NOT THINK
I CAN HEAR IT FROM
THIS DISTANCE WITH
MY NORMAL HUMAN
HEARING!





THUMP

THUMP

AS A HUMAN,
I MUST BE THIS CLOSE
TO HEAR YOUR
HEARTBEAT!

YOUR HEART IS
CURRENTLY BEATING
SLOW--

THUMP

THUMP



THUMP

THUMP

THUMP





THUMP



IT'S GETTING
FASTER?!

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